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In the Claims:

58. (Amended) A lacrosse head, comprising:

an open frame having a base with a concave interior surface defining a ball rest, a pair of sidewalls diverging from said base and a lip interconnecting said sidewalls remotely of said base;

a means carried by said frame for securing a lacrosse net along a back side of said frame, leaving an opposing front side of said frame open for receiving lacrosse balls; and

a projection extending exteriorly from said base for attachment of a handle so as to define a handle/head axis, said front side of said frame at said base adjacent to said attachment means defining a plane parallel to said axis;

said front side of said sidewalls curving generally downwardly to a point below said plane beginning adjacent said base so as to impart a curved geometry when viewed in side elevation.

70~~58~~. (Amended) A head for a lacrosse stick comprising:

an open frame having a base with a concave interior surface defining a ball rest, a pair of sidewalls diverging from said base and a lip interconnecting said sidewalls remotely of said base;

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means carried by said frame for securing a lacrosse net along a back side of said frame, leaving the front side of said frame open for receiving a lacrosse ball; and

a projection extending from said base for attachment of a handle so as to define a handle/head axis;

said base having a front side edge adjacent said projection for defining a plane that is offset from and parallel to said handle/head axis;

at least a portion of said front side of said sidewalls, located within a half of the lengths adjacent said base, being offset from said plane and at least a portion of said back side of said sidewalls located within the other half of their lengths remote from said base curving upward toward said front side of said sidewalls.

Kindly add the following additional claims:

81/75. (New) A head for a lacrosse stick, comprising:

an open frame having a base with a concave interior surface defining a ball rest, a pair of sidewalls extending from said base, and a lip interconnecting said sidewalls remotely of said base;

a plurality of apertures carried by said frame for securing a lacrosse net along a back side of said frame, leaving the front side of said frame open for receiving a lacrosse ball; and

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a projection extending from said base for attachment of a handle so as to define a handle/head axis, said projection having an upper surface which defines a plane parallel to said handle/head axis;

at least a portion of said front side of said sidewalls, located adjacent said base, being offset below said plane.

~~8576~~ (New) A head for a lacrosse stick comprising:

an open frame having a base with a concave interior surface defining a ball rest, a pair of sidewalls extending from said base, and a lip interconnecting said sidewalls remotely of said base;

a plurality of apertures carried by said frame for securing a lacrosse net along a back side of said frame, leaving the front side of said frame open for receiving a lacrosse ball;

a socket extending from said base for attachment of a handle so as to define a handle/head axis, said socket having an upper surface defining a plane parallel to said handle/head axis.

said front side of said sidewalls, beginning adjacent said base, curving downwardly to a point below said plane so as to impart a curved geometry when viewed in side elevation.

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8877. (New) A head for a lacrosse stick, comprising:

an open frame having a base with a concave interior surface defining a ball rest, a pair of sidewalls diverging from said base and a lip interconnecting said sidewalls remotely of said base;

a plurality of apertures carried by said frame for securing a lacrosse net along a back side of said frame, leaving the front side of said frame open for receiving a lacrosse ball;

a socket extending from said base for attachment of a handle so as to define a handle/head axis;

said base having a front side edge adjacent said socket for defining a plane that is offset from and parallel to said handle/head axis;

said front side of said sidewalls curving downwardly beginning adjacent said base to a point below said plane and above said handle/head axis.

at 78. (New) A head for a lacrosse stick, comprising:

an open frame having a base with a concave interior surface defining a ball rest, a pair of sidewalls diverging from said base and a lip interconnecting said sidewalls remotely of said base;

a plurality of apertures carried by said frame for securing a lacrosse net along a back side of said frame, leaving the front side of said frame open for receiving a lacrosse ball;

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a socket extending from said base for attachment of a handle so as to define a handle/head axis;

at least a portion of said front side of said sidewalls, located within a half of the lengths adjacent said base, being offset below said plane and at least a portion of said back side of said sidewalls located within the other half of their lengths remote from said base extending upwardly toward said front side of said sidewalls.

Q3 92/79. (New) The head of claim 78, wherein said portion of said back side of said sidewall curves generally upwardly toward said front side of said sidewalls.

93/80. (New) The head of claim 78, wherein said portion of said front side of said sidewall curves generally downwardly.

94/81. (New) The head of claim 78, wherein said offset portion of said front side of said sidewall is located adjacent said base.

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to Applicant's response, dated September 13, 2000, to the prior Office Action as non-responsive because all new claims were not underlined. It is noted that Claims 58-74, which were not contained in the original patent, were underlined in the original reissue application as filed. Claims 58 and 68 were amended in the prior response and have been resubmitted with the entire claims underlined. Newly added